

WARNING
ANNUAL WESTFIELD TOWN MEETING
AND WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016, 10 a.m.

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2.** To elect one Westfield School Board Member for a term of three years.
- Article 3.** To elect one High School Board Member for a term of two years (to fill an unexpired three year term)
- Article 4.** Shall the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,343,489 dollars to defray the expenses and liabilities for Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$563,459? **(Paper ballot to be co-mingled with Jay)**
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$771,872, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,085 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.56% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 6.** Shall the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to place \$75,955 of undesignated general fund balance into the Buildings & Grounds Reserve fund? **(Paper ballot to be co-mingled with Jay)**
- Article 7.** Shall the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to use \$30,000 of undesignated general fund balance to purchase new cafeteria tables and chairs? **(Paper ballot to be co-mingled with Jay)**
- Article 8** Discussion of items to be voted on by Australian ballot (except candidates).
- Article 9.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
a. Discuss the pro's and con's of joining the North Country Union Jr. High School District
- Article 10.** To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING:

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2.** To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 3.** To elect all necessary town officials required by law.

- a. Auditor 3 year term
- b. 1st Constable 1 year term
- c. 2nd Constable 1 year term
- d. Delinquent Tax Collector 1 year term
- e. Lister 3 year term
- f. Selectman 3 year term
- g. Town Agent 1 year term
- h. Town Grand Juror 1 year term

Article 4. Shall the legal voters approve **\$60,339.20** for the following appropriations?

- a. **\$500** to American Red Cross
- b. **\$100** to Felines & Friends Foundation
- c. **\$250** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.
- d. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont
- e. **\$450** to Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund
- f. **\$800** to Jay Athletic Association
- g. **\$200** to Jay Focus Group & the Jay Focus Group Children's Halloween Party
- h. **\$500** to Jay Food Shelf
- i. **\$200** to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion
- j. **\$200** to Missisquoi River Basin Association
- k. **\$10,812** to Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service
- l. **\$4,000** to Montgomery Fire Department
- m. **\$100** to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra
- n. **\$200** to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. (NEKCA)
- o. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging (formerly Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont)
- p. **\$563** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS)
- q. **\$200** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS)
- r. **\$300** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society)
- s. **\$500** to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA)
- t. **\$12,328.20** to Orleans County Sheriff's Department
- u. **\$2,500** to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.
- v. **\$500** to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.
- w. **\$600** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)
- x. **\$1,000** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site
- y. **\$22,591** to Troy Fire Department
- z. **\$400** to Umbrella
- aa. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)
- bb. **\$100** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force- Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist.

Article 5. Shall the legal voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$214,135.00, of which \$86,715.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$127,420.00 by non-tax revenues?

Article 6. Shall the legal voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$346,093.00, of which \$228,593.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$117,500.00 by non-tax revenues?

Article 7. Discussion of items to be voted on by Australian ballot (except candidates).

Australian ballot items are voted on at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, throughout the day on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The polls open at 9:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. Early or absentee ballots are available. The latest you can request an early or absentee ballot is 4 p.m. on February 29, 2016. In addition to these Australian ballot items there will be a Presidential Primary election on March 1. In the Presidential Primary, you must declare which major party ballot (Democratic or Republican) you want to vote, and your choice will be recorded on the entrance checklist. 17 V.S.A. §2704. Both elections take place at the Westfield Community Center.

- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$716,673? **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 9.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2016-2017. **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 10.** To elect a Westfield School Treasurer for the school year 2016-2017. **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 11.** North Country Union High School and North Country Career Center: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$15,429,210, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,972 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.76% higher than spending for the current year. **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 12.** Shall the North Country Union High School District authorize the Board of School Directors to place \$190,000 of undesignated FY2015 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? **(Australian Ballot)**
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- Article 13.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 14.** To adjourn.

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 28th day of January, 2016.

Received for Record:
January 28, 2016 at 10:15 A.M.

Attest: La Donna Quinn
Westfield Town Clerk

Selectboard Members:

Yves Daigle
Yves Daigle, Chair

Jacques Couture
Jacques Couture

Richard Degre
Richard Degre

Westfield School Board Members:

Kevin Amyot
Kevin Amyot

Loren Petzoldt
Loren Petzoldt

Chad Prue
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